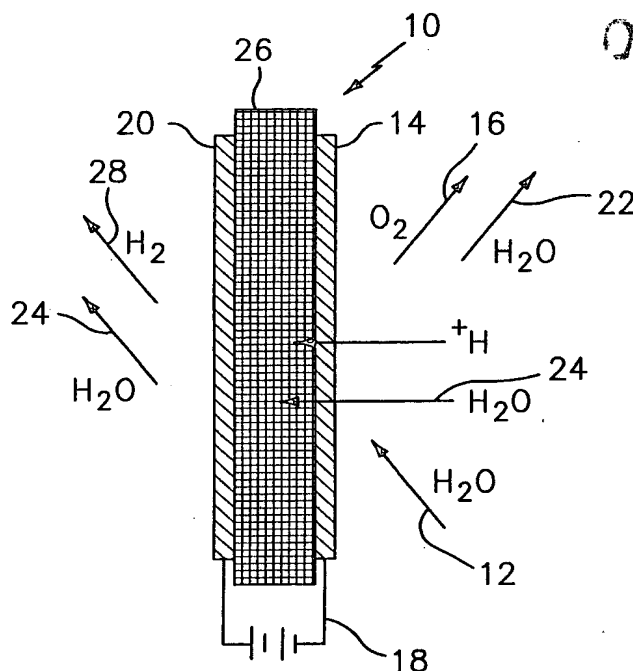


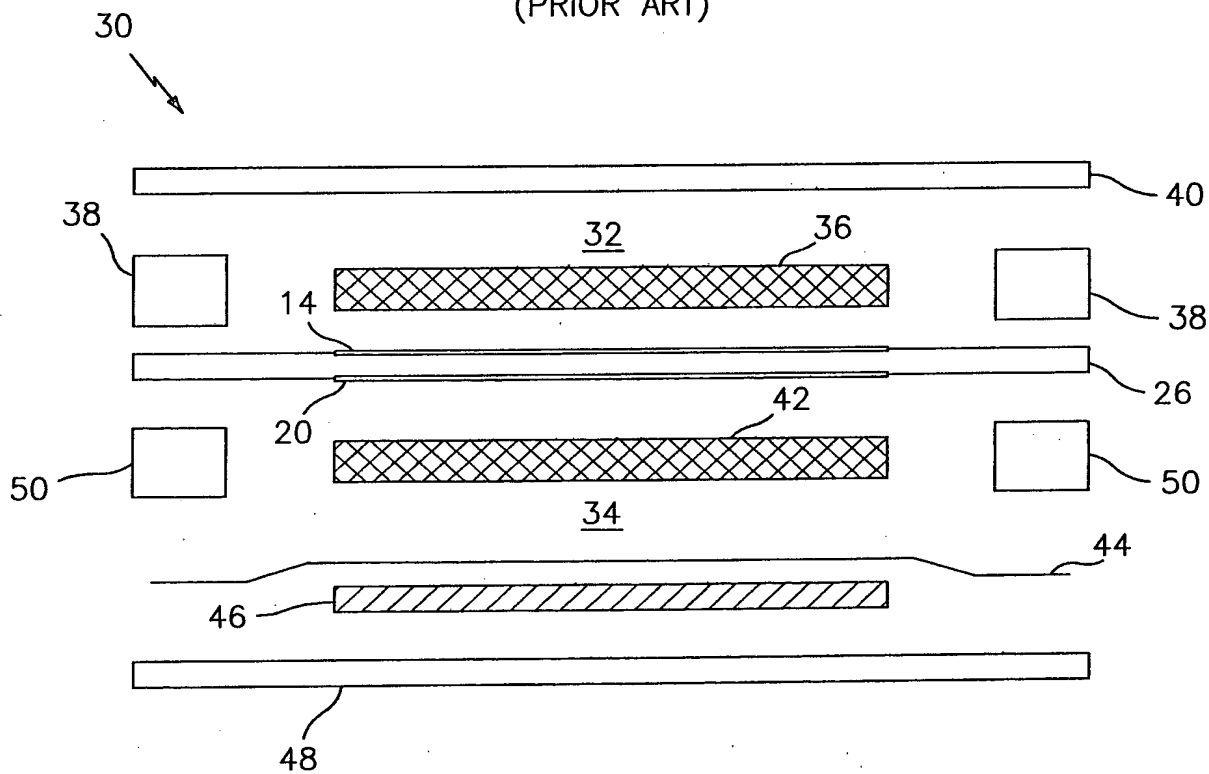


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**FIG. 1**  
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**FIG. 2**  
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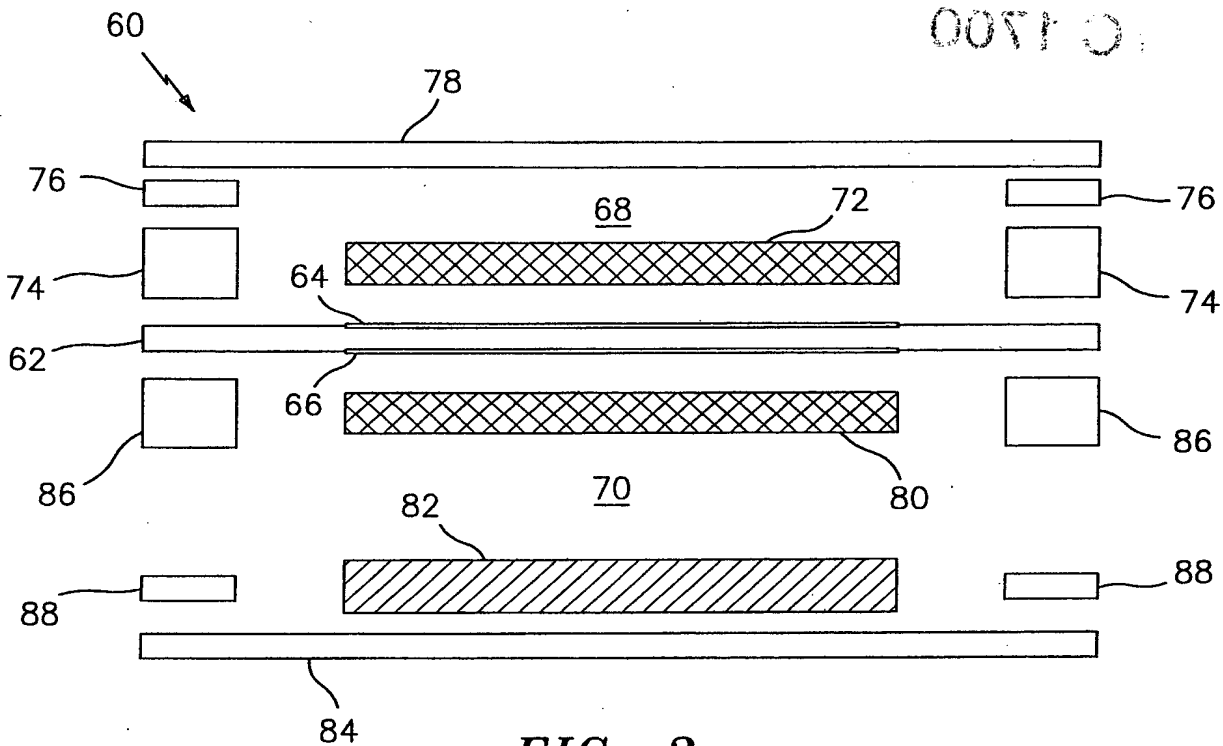


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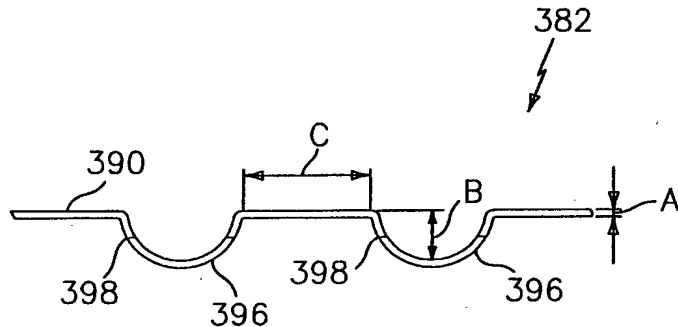


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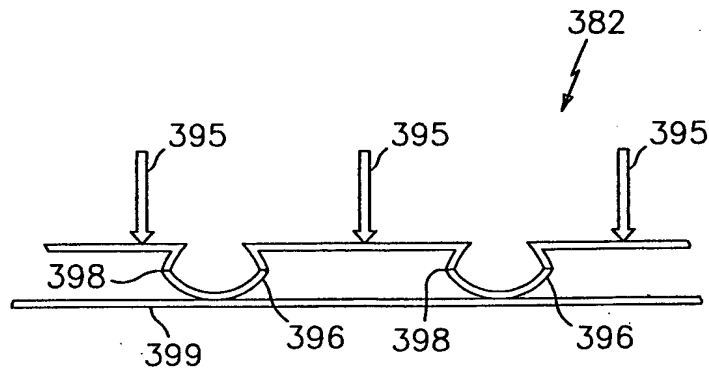


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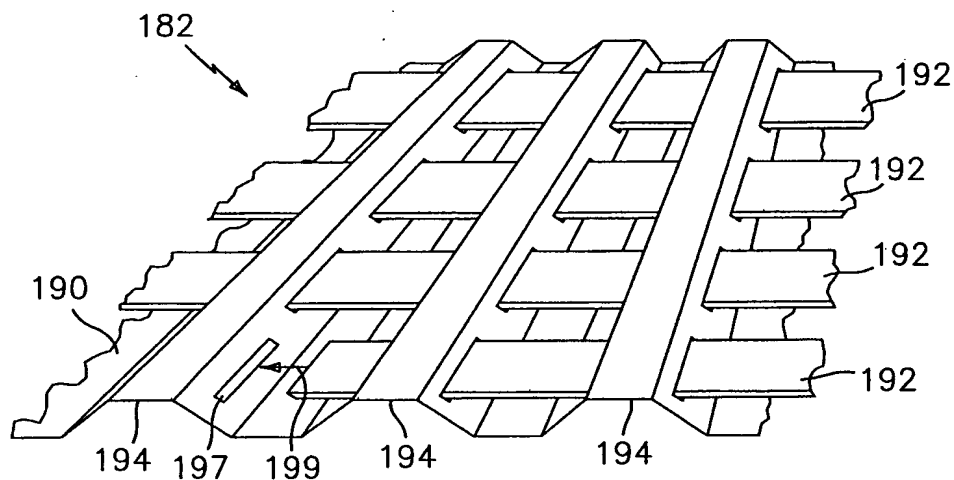


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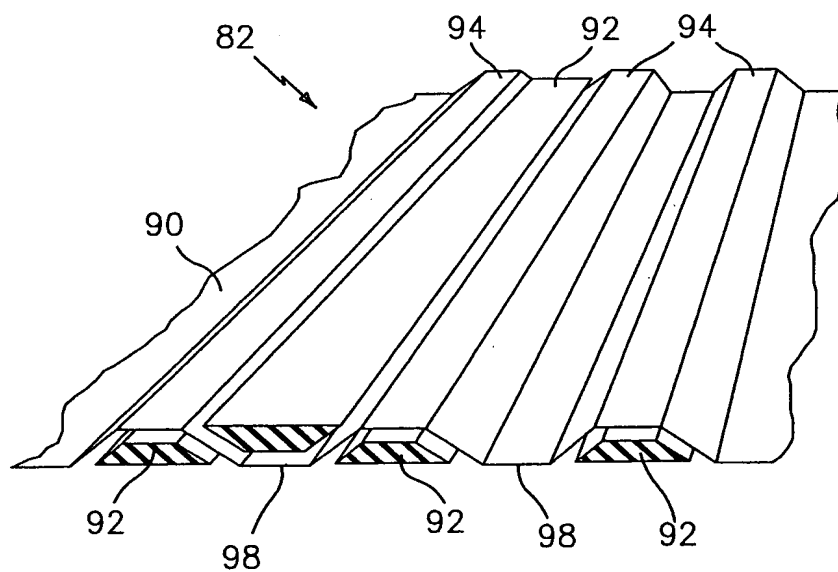


FIG. 4A



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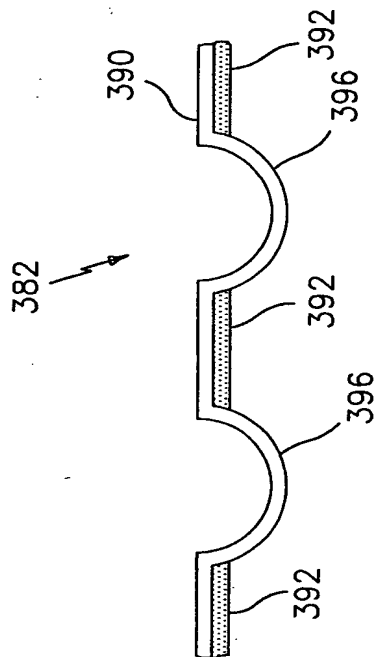


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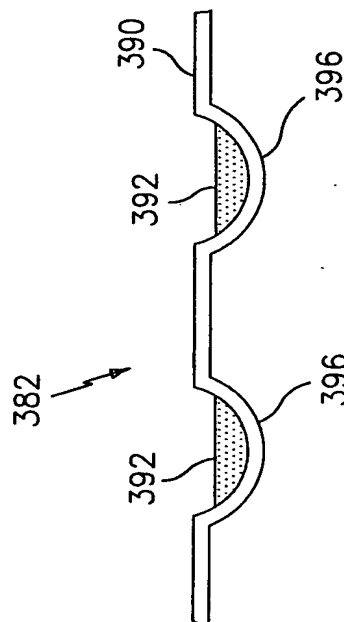


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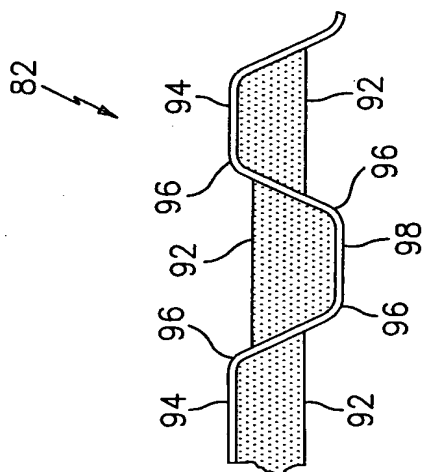


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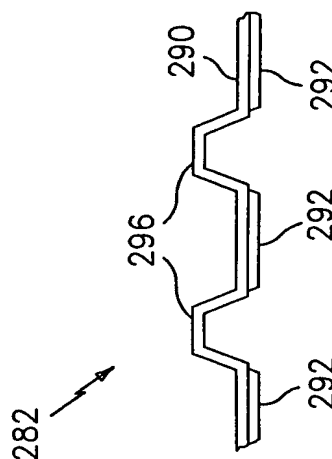


FIG. 6B



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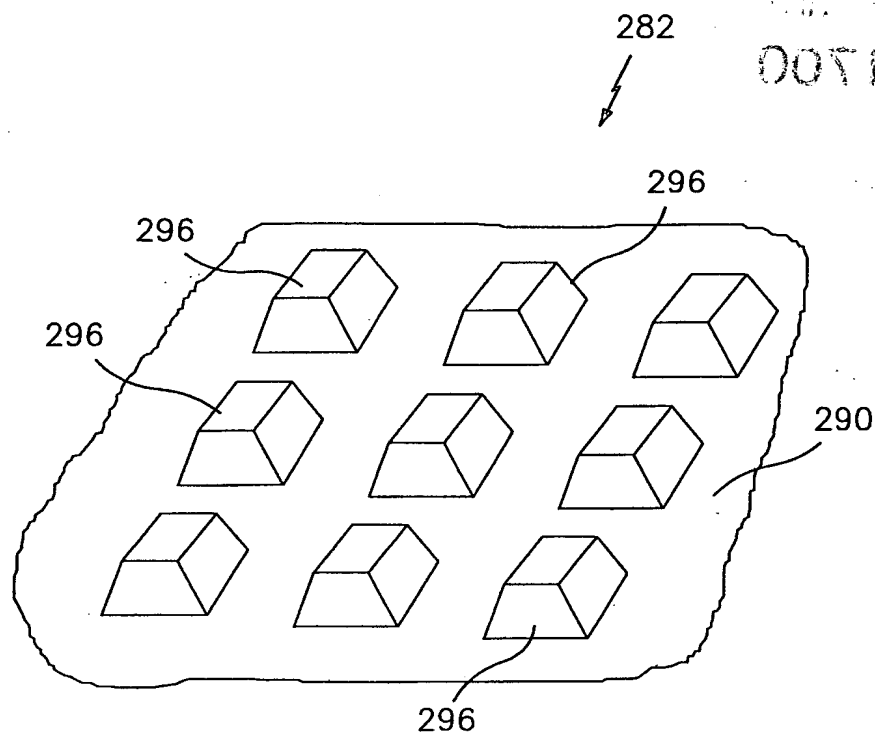


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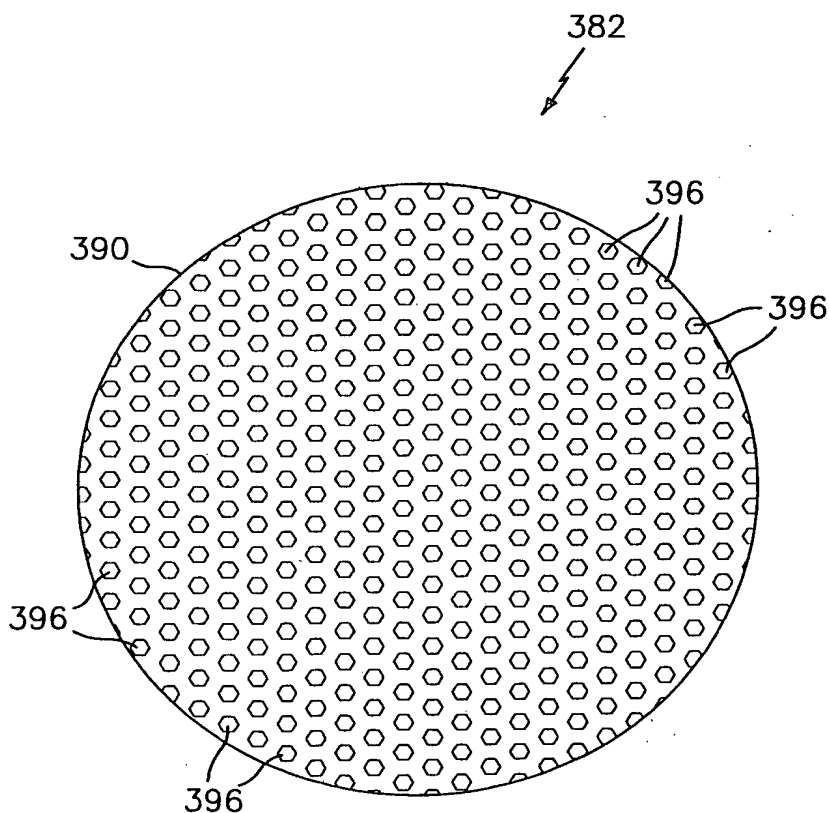


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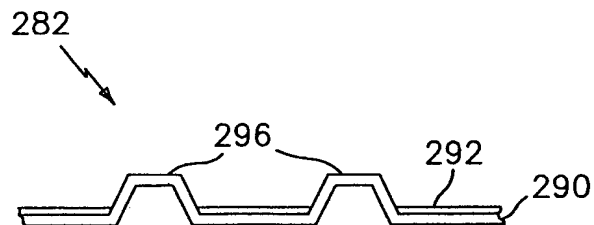
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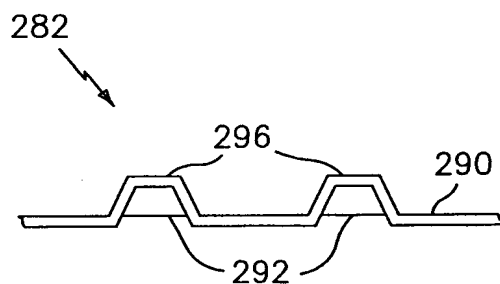
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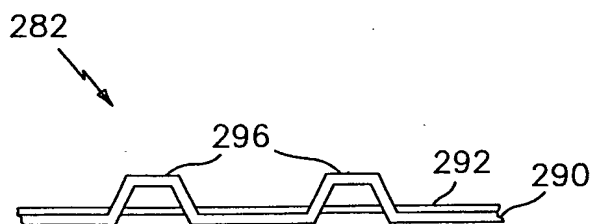
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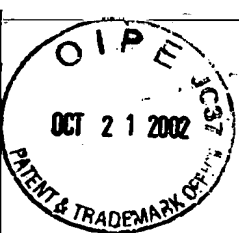
*FIG. 6C*



*FIG. 6D*



*FIG. 6E*



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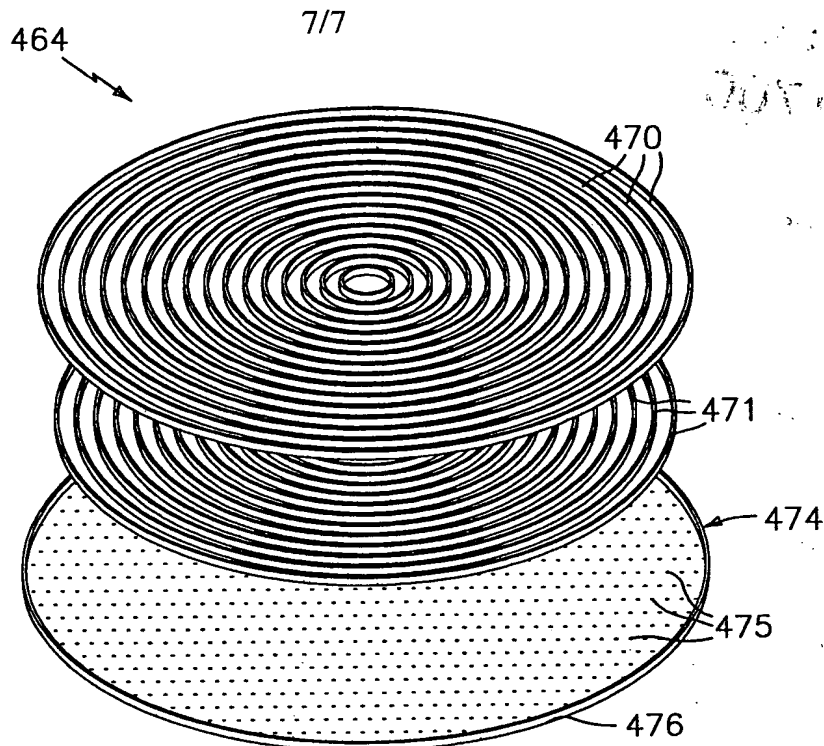


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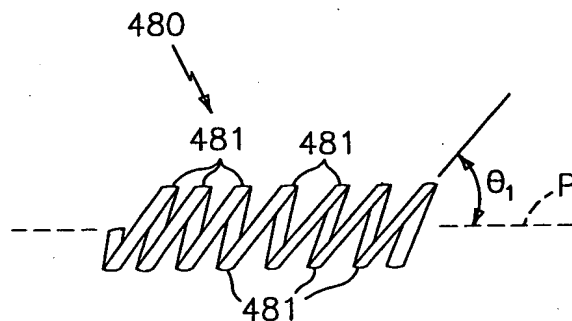


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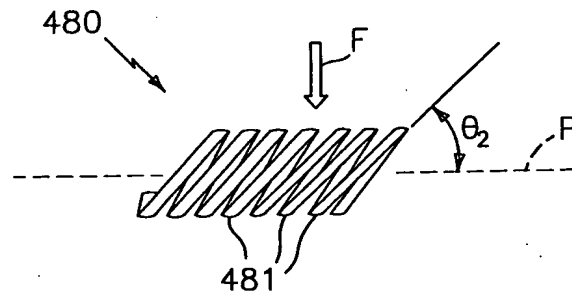


FIG. 13